

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

6. (currently amended) A method for postage meter cost accounting using a web browser based shipping system comprising the steps of:

- (a) operatively connecting a postage meter to a client;
- (b) running a web browser program on said client for communicating with a web server;
- (c) running a postage meter application on said web server that communicates with at least one cost accounting table that includes the date of the meter transaction; the transaction identification, a list of user accounts, the meter account number; and the total count of pieces processed by the meter;
- (d) running a postage meter automation server on said client;
- (e) communicating between said automation server and said web server using a script call;
- (f) identifying a user account for which a transaction is to be charged;
- (g) performing [a]the transaction; and
- (h) updating the cost accounting table with information relative to said transaction including the user account for which the transaction was charged.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said script call is JAVASCRIPT.

8. (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of transferring transaction information to a customer accounting system.

9. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said transfer is completed through extended mark up language.

10. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said transfer is completed by scraping.

11. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said cost accounting table further comprises a meter table and an account table.